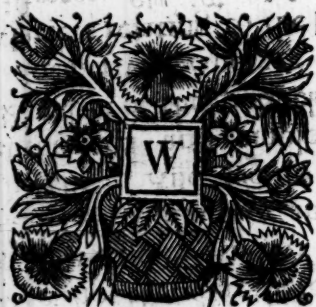


T H E  
D E C L A R A T I O N  
O F

His Highness the Prince of Orange,

F O R  
The better Collecting the Publick REVENUE.



HEREAS since the Fifth Day of November last, divers Persons have intermeddled with, and received the Publick Money, arising by the Revenues of Customs, Excise, Hearths, and other ways; some by Commissions and Authorities from Us, and others by Commissions from divers Peers; and others who took up Arms and Declared for Us, for the Support of those that had taken Arms under them, and for other publick Uses: By means whereof many Persons who Acted by Authority of the Commissioners of Customs, Excise, Hearth-Money, and otherwise, have been in many Parts of the Kingdom displaced; and the Officers appointed by the said Commissioners have deserted their Duties and Employments: And by reason of the Justices of the Peace in most Parts forbearing to Act, the Duty of the Customs have not been well answered; the Brewers and Retailers of Excisable Liquors have neglected to make due Entries and Payments of their Duties, and have refused to permit the Gaugers and other Officers, thereto appointed, to Survey and take Account of their Brewings, contrary to the Laws established. And many Inhabitants and Persons chargeable with the Payment of the Duty of Customs, Hearth-Money, and other Duties, refuse to pay; and the Constables refuse to assist the said Officers in the Levying hereof, as by Law they are required; by means whereof the Payment of all publick Money is generally stopp'd.

And forasmuch as We, at the Request of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, heretofore Members of the Commons House of Parliament, during the Reign of King CHARLES the Second, residing in and about the City of London; and the Aldermen and Members of the Common-Council of the said City, assembled in this extraordinary Conjunction, have taken upon Us the Administration of the publick Affairs, both Civil and Military, and the Disposall of the publick Revenues of the Kingdom, for the Uses the present Affairs require: To which End it is necessary that all the publick Revenues should run in their proper Channel. We do therefore hereby revoke and make void all Commissions and Authorities, given by Us, or by any others, as aforesaid. And We do hereby prohibit and forbid all and every Person and Persons, under pretence of the said Commissions or any of them, to intermeddle in any of the publick Revenues, or receive any Money arising thereby. And we do hereby require and command all Collectors, Receivers and Officers (not being Papists) authorized and employed by the said Commissioners of the Customs, Excise, Hearth-Money, or any other the Branches of the publick Revenue, that they proceed in the Managing, Receiving, and Levying the said Revenues as formerly. And we likewise require all Justices of the Peace to proceed in the Hearing and Determining all Matters relating to the said Revenues, and every of them: And that they and all other publick Officers and Magistrates, Sheriffs, Mayors, Bayliffs, Constables, Headboroughs, and other Officers of the Peace, be Aiding and Assisting to all Officers employed and authorized by the said Commissioners in the Collecting, Receiving, and Levying the Duties arising by the said Revenues, and every of them, as by Law they are required and directed. And all Persons concern'd in the payment of Customs, new Imposts, Excise and Hearth-Money, are hereby required to pay the same as formerly according to Law.

*Given at St. James's the Second Day of January, 1681*

W. H. Prince of Orange.

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